

August 19, 2002
Regular Meeting

Minutes

Members Present: 5

Thomas Y. Wooten-Chairman

Lloyd Davis- Vice-Chairman

Josh Baity - Commissioner

Brent Hunter- Commissioner

Johnny Myers- Commissioner

Members Absent: 0

Others Present:

Cecil E. Wood, County Manager/Clerk to the Board

James Graham, Attorney

Melinda Vestal, Assistant Clerk to the Board

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order. Attorney Graham led the invocation. The Board had the pledge of allegiance.

Public comment

Jimmy Steelman, Hamptonville, addressed the Board concerning misuse of government funds. He holds the Board accountable. He questioned the spending habits of Yadkinville Fire Department.

Chairman Wooten commented he is hurt by the articles and comments. He is concerned for the other fire departments. He does not want to take any action or comment any further until the SBI finishes their investigation.

The Board expressed their concerns for the fire departments and the county.

Dianne Doub, East Bend, addressed the Board concerning the animal shelter.

Minutes

*Commissioner Baity made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Hunter seconded.
The Board voted 5-0.

Animal Control- animal shelter

Peggy Boose addressed the Board on behalf of the Humane Society concerning the animal shelter. The Board agreed to yield to Mr. Sneed when he arrived.

Ms. Boose stated that a private citizen has agreed to donate \$60,000 towards the building of an animal shelter with the stipulation that all animals be “put down” by lethal injection. If the Board refuses the money, it will go to the Humane Society to be used to spay and neuter animals.

Robin Jennings, Humane Society, stated there are veterinarians in the area who would be willing to train and certify county employees.

Ms. Boose stated there are several grants the county can apply for but there has to be a drawing/plan approved before the county can apply.

Ms. Boose asked the Board to pass a motion to use lethal injections for “putting down” animals and to approve tentative plans.

The Board discussed the number of animals “put down” last year and the costs. The Board discussed using lethal injections.

There was discussion on how to handle and store the injections/barbiturates and what license/certificates would be needed.

The Board suggested Ms. Boose and Mr. Adams get together to discuss costs and other details.

Health Department-board appointment

*Commissioner Baity made the motion to appoint Mary Revels to replace Janet Baity to the Health Board. Commissioner Hunter seconded. **The Board voted 5-0.**

Schools- GO Bonds

Mr. Wood introduced Bob Jessup with Sanford Holshouser Law Firm.

*Commissioner Baity made the motion to approve the engagement letter with Sanford Holshouser Law Firm. Commissioner Hunter seconded. **The Board voted 4-1. Commissioner Davis opposed.**

Mr. Wood introduced the Bond Order.

*Commissioner Myers made the motion to approve the Bond Order. Commissioner Hunter

seconded. **The Board voted 4-1-. Commissioner Davis opposed.**

Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of Yadkin County General Obligation School Bonds in the Maximum Amount of \$20,000,000

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Yadkin County, North Carolina, by resolution adopted on August 5, 2002, has stated its proposal to issue general obligation bonds to pay capital costs of providing school facilities.

The County has applied to the North Carolina Local Government Commission for its approval of such bonds, and the Commission has accepted the County's application.

Be It Ordered by the Board of Commissioners of Yadkin County, North Carolina, as follows:

1. There are hereby ordered to be issued County general obligation bonds to pay capital costs of providing school facilities, together with related financing and other necessary or incidental costs.

2. The maximum aggregate principal amount of the bonds issued for such purpose will be \$20,000,000.

3. Taxes will be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds so issued.

4. A sworn statement of debt prepared by the County's Finance Officer has been filed with the Clerk to this Board and is open to public inspection.

5. This Bond Order will take effect when approved by the County's voters in the manner provided by law.

The Board agreed to change the first meeting in September to the first Tuesday, September 3rd due to the Labor Day holiday.

*Commissioner Baity made the motion to set a public hearing for the purpose of the GO Bonds on September 3rd at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Hunter seconded. **The Board voted 4-1. Commissioner Davis opposed.**

Resolution Setting Public Hearing and Authorizing Filing of Debt Statement

WHEREAS, there has been introduced at this meeting a Bond Order entitled as follows:

BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF YADKIN COUNTY GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$20,0000

AND WHEREAS, Section 159-57 of the General Statutes requires that a public hearing be held on such bond order prior to its adoption , Section 159-56 of the General Statutes requires publication of a notice of such hearing, and Section 159-55 of the General Statutes requires the filing of a statement of the County's debt with the Clerk to the Board prior to the public hearing;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Yadkin County , North Carolina, (1) that a public hearing on such bond order shall be held at 9:00 a.m. (or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard) on Tuesday, September 3, 2002, in the Commissioners' meeting room, 217 East Willow Street, Yadkinville, North Carolina, and (2) that the Clerk to this Board is authorized and directed to publish such a notice of such public hearing, in the form provided for in Section 159-56 of the General Statute, one time , not less than six days prior to such hearing date, in a newspaper having general circulation in the County.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County's Finance Officer is authorized and directed to prepare and file prior to the publication of the notice of public hearing, a sworn statement of the County's net debt in the form prescribed by statute.

COG-agreement for aging services

*Commissioner Baity made the motion to approve the agreement for provision for county-based aging services. Commissioner Hunter seconded. **The Board voted 5-0.**

Chairman Wooten called for a break.

Water/Sewer-proposal for engineering

Commissioner Baity inquired about the 1989 study? He asked much the Rural Center would pay?

Mr. Wood stated the grant would be for half.

*Commissioner Baity made the motion to approve the proposal for engineering services for the development of water and wastewater capital improvement program (grant project with The Rural Center). Commissioners Hunter and Davis seconded. **The Board voted 5-0.**

Tax Administration-refunds and adjustments

Name/Reason	Year	County tax	Fire tax/code	Total
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Judy Bowers 31 Club Drive Thomasville NC 27360 appraisers corrected value of house	99-01	\$167.40	\$21.63 W	\$189.03
Timothy Groce 3113 Georgia Rd Yadkinville NC 27055 appraisers corrected value of house	99-01	\$588.93	\$72.83 C	\$661.76
Donna Mae Grube 112 Forest Oak Drive East Bend, NC 27018 mh belongs to Christina Norman	99-01	\$676.80	\$78.96 E	\$755.76
Mary Boose Longworth 317 Willow St Yadkinville, NC 27055 appraisers corr sq ft of house	97-01	\$242.24	\$20.30 Y	\$262.54

*Commissioner Baity made the motion to approve tax refunds and adjustments. Commissioner Hunter seconded. **The Board voted 5-0.**

Commissioner comments

Chairman Wooten informed the Board about a letter he received from DOT naming the new bridge (I-77/Yadkin River) in memory of Officer Greg Martin . The Board discussed a dedication service of the bridge.

Commissioner Baity inquired about the water/sewer project.

Commissioner Baity discussed the increase in tonnage at the landfill and operation costs.

Commissioner Myers asked about the initial contract prices. The agreement was signed in 1993 for \$32.00 a ton and increased to \$35.41 in 2002.

*Commissioner Myers made the motion to raise solid waste \$3.00 extra per ton to help cover the increase by BFI.

Commissioner Baity asked why it has not been raised before now?

Mr. Wood responded that the increase might cause more illegal dumping.

Mr. Adams stated he has submitted rate changes during budget workshops. He suggested he and the Board meet to discuss this further.

Commissioner Myers asked when does the BFI contract expire?

Mr. Adams stated the contract is for 20 years but can be renegotiated after 15 years.

Commissioner Myers suggested the county look at door to door service.

Mr. Adams discussed the county's recycling.

Commissioner Baity seconded. **The Board voted 4-1. Chairman Wooten opposed.**

*Commissioner Baity made the motion to make the price increase effective October 1, 2002. Commissioner Davis seconded. **The Board voted 5-0.**

The Board yielded the floor to Allen Sneed.

Mr. Sneed went over the costs to build an animal shelter suitable for the county's needs.

Commissioner Baity thanked Mr. Sneed for his time.

Manager comments

Mr. Wood stated everything is on schedule for the waterlines from Jonesville to Hwy 421/I-77 interchange.

Mr. Wood discussed the communication tower. He recognized Brady Wooten and thanked him for his willingness to work with the county.

The Board discussed Adelphia and ANI. Adelphia has referred our lease request to their property management firm. ANI is reviewing the proposal and is asking for our consideration for a co-location agreement for Adelphia.

Bud Matthews stated he talked with the FCC and an application was submitted on August 14th for a microwave license. This process takes about 30 to 60 days.

Mr. Wood informed the Board that the Planning Board has invited the Board to their planning meeting on September 12th at 7:00 p.m.

The Board agreed to recess their September 3rd meeting to meet with the Planning Board on September 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

*Commissioner Baity made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Davis seconded. **The Board voted 5-0.**

Cecil E. Wood, County Manager/Clerk to the Board